

Arlington Recycling Committee  
Minutes 4/7/11

Present: Gordon Jamieson(Co-Chair), Juli Brazile (Co-Chair), Theresa DeBenedictis (DPW), Sue Stamps, Pete Howard (Secretary)

TONNAGE: Gordon reported that the waste tonnage decreased about 50T in Feb.

CCD: Theresa provided the latest CCD flyer Ref 1. A new participant will take any small corded appliance to be recycled in MA. All the regulars will be there except maybe BoH. Juli will offer to fund a police officer for BoH. Gordon will discuss traffic direction w/ Chief Ryan. Juli will set up a doodle signup for 2 shifts: 9-11, 11-1. Theresa will see if there is a way to streamline the receipts for payment.

PAYT: Pete reviewed the presentation made to the BoS. BoS plan to vote Monday. PAYT is tangled up with the override. Selectmen think it important that people vote on PAYT. So far no satisfactory ballot design. Gordon & Juli to draft an email to BoS suggesting a 2 question ballot: 1 an override which assumes PAYT and 2 a non-binding vote to implement PAYT (like the beer & wine votes). The BoS may decide to recommend no action to Town Meeting. Should this happen, the ARC agreed to be ready to introduce a resolution to establish PAYT. Pete to draft with input from all.

MEMBERSHIP: Voted unanimously to nominate Sue and to renominate all current members. Juli to check w/ Julie McDaniels & write letter to Moderator asking him to appoint accordingly.

CONNECTION W/ SCHOOLS: Bishop asked for a presentation on recycling. Juli & Charlotte Milan are organizing it. Will be given by SAVE club members. Juli provided a recycling survey Ref 2 outline to be sent to all the schools as a teaching aid. This may lead to giving the recycling presentation at other schools.

COMMUNICATION: Juli to set up a GoogleGroup to exchange information. No votes.

NEXT MEETING

May 5 at 7:30PM, Town Hall Annex

Ref 1 CCD Flyer

Ref 2 Recycling Survey

# Community Collection Day



May 7, 2011

9 am – 1 pm

DPW Yard at  
51 Grove Street



Drop off TVs and Computer Monitors (\$10.00 per item).

Curbside pickup is \$15.

Laptops or anything else with a cord is FREE (for example toaster ovens, microwaves, hair dryers). No Large Appliances will be accepted.

Call DPW at 781-316-3104 for info.



Donate clean used clothing, and working toys.

Bring old sneakers for recycling.



Clean out old Books... hardcover or paperback, big or small, old or new, fiction or non-fiction, also DVDs, CDs, digital cameras and Laptops.



Recycle piles of old papers, junk mail, catalogs, newspapers and magazines.

Residents can bring confidential papers for **shredding**. The first 2 boxes are free. Additional boxes are charged \$5 / box. Businesses pay per box.



Donate your adult bicycle to Bikes Not Bombs.

(Badly rusted bikes will not be accepted.)

Bikes are repaired and shipped overseas.

A \$10 contribution is requested to offset cost of shipping.



**Returnable cans and bottles will be collected by AHS S.A.V.E.**

**Board of Health will be collecting old medications and syringes**



No fee to bring non-alkaline batteries including car batteries and scrap metal items: Pipes, metal shelves and desks, file cabinets (no large appliances) and propane tanks (up to 20 lbs).

Pick up a free blue recycling bag and sticker for  
“Single Stream Recycling”



[www.arlingtonrecycles.org](http://www.arlingtonrecycles.org)

## Survey of Elementary Schools

### Basic Trash & Recycling Questions

How often is your trash picked up? Any problems to report?

How often is your recycling picked up? Any problems with that?

How much recycling do you put out?

What materials do you recycle?

### Recycling Programs in Your School

How do you collect the recycling in your building?

Do you have people who “make it happen” by reminding others or suggesting ideas?

Do children help empty classroom bins or with any other part of recycling?

Any other details about recycling in your building? Special projects, etc?

What would you like to recycle if you could figure out how?

Is there anything that makes recycling hard in your building?

### Recycling & Ecology Education

We'd like to encourage more learning about recycling and ecological issues. Can you tell me what you do in your current curriculum on these issues?

We would like to meet with science teachers in particular, but any teachers who have ideas about how to incorporate recycling or sustainability ideas in the classroom.

Have you used any of the MWRA programs for schools? <http://www.mwra.state.ma.us/>

Do art teachers know about the poster contest every year? It allows a wide range of media and focuses each year on a topic such as “water conservation.”

We know children often have questions about what can be recycled, what happens to big pile of jumbled materials in a single stream program, and what happens to the trash. We prepared a program for the Bishop school: “Where does trash and recycling go?” We can provide you an outline to see if you would be interested in something similar.